

# Great Easton Grapevine

Summer 6 – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Our vision: We are God's children and global citizens. We will be bold enough to use our voices, brave enough to evoke change in the world and strong enough to stand up for what is right. We are valued and are part of a Christian family that grows together in faith, love and kindness.

## School Lunch



Please click the link below to order your child's school meals for week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> June

<https://forms.office.com/r/riWuVuhhd8>

Deadline for form is Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00pm

– if not ordered before then, you will need to send in a packed lunch for that week.

**KS2 please remember to put 'packed lunch' for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> as that's when they're going to the zoo!**

Parents wishing to pay for next half term in full, this is available in Events - £80.50

## London Zoo Trip – KS2 – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Please make sure to register your child in Events to confirm that they will be going on the above trip – if you **do not** want your child to go, please can you email the office so we don't chase unnecessarily.

**Payment is due by Friday 27<sup>th</sup>.**

## EVENTS

Please can parents remember to register their children for events that they are due to attend to ensure our lists are accurate. Where payment is required, this does not have to be made at the same time – it just puts the payment into your basket for you to pay at your convenience. Please also check that the event is for your child – Schnappy does not know who is/isn't eligible/going on the trip/taking part in the event!



## 'Tallest Tower'

Please see experiment attached to the email with this week's Grapevine!

## Multisports

If your child would like to do/continue to do after school multisports on Thursdays after half term, please register using the link – we will not automatically carry their name forward.

[https://prestige-sports-](https://prestige-sports-uttlesford.class4kids.co.uk/info/45)

[uttlesford.class4kids.co.uk/info/45](https://prestige-sports-uttlesford.class4kids.co.uk/info/45)

## **MEDICINES**

**PLEASE CAN PARENTS ENSURE THAT YOU COMPLETE THE ADMINISTER MEDICINES FORM IF YOU WANT STAFF TO GIVE YOUR CHILD MEDICINE WHILST IN SCHOOL – PLEASE DO NOT JUST SEND IT IN THEIR BAG!**

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service have two special open days coming up!  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June

On both days there will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, craft activities and a chance to sit on the fire engines (and squirt water 😊)  
Museum is free entry, but visits are by appointment only as it is on the site of an operational fire station.

If families are interested, please email [museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk) with number of people and time of arrival.

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
RM17 5QS  
01376 576847  
Fire Museum ([essex-fire.gov.uk](http://essex-fire.gov.uk))



## **TAKEHOME**

## **In the news this week**



Buckingham Palace has unveiled the full line-up of celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year. Street parties, a concert with some of the world's biggest entertainment stars, a chance to see the Queen's homes and a street parade are just some of the formal plans. Many will take place during the upcoming special four-day Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. 2022 marks 70 years of the Queen's service – the first British monarch ever to reach the milestone.

### **Things to talk about at home ...**

- > Is your community or school doing anything to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee? Are there any events or activities that you are looking forward to?
- > The Queen has held her role for 70 years! Do we think this is a long time? Talk about any roles and responsibilities you all have in your household, e.g., feeding pets, preparing meals, tidying rooms etc.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

# THE DUNMOW MAJORETTES

EST. 1994



The troupe perform at events such as carnivals and fetes across the county. We take on girls and boys from the age of five upwards. The troupe practice on a Tuesday evening in The United Reformed Church, New Street, Great Dunmow.

All volunteers have up to date CRB checks and First Aid training.

## JOIN OUR TROUPE

Perform across the county

Make new friends

Have lots of fun!

### Practice Tuesday Evenings

United Reformed Church,  
New Street,  
Great Dunmow.

4.30-6.00PM

*Batons, Pom-poms,  
Flags & Ribbons*

FIRST 4  
WEEKS  
FREE



Call 01371 874 454 e: majorettesdunmow@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook: f @dunmowmajorettes



## MAY HALF TERM TENNIS CAMPS

**Dates:**

Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st May

**Times:**

10am-4pm For All Ages Both Days

**Cost:**

£30 Per Day

**Location:**

DUNMOW LEISURE CENTRE



To Book In Contact Ollie Clark:

Tel: 07841830926

Email: ojc-tennis@hotmail.com

## Dates for your Diary

(Any new dates that have been added since last week will be in red).

### May 2022

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Crucial Crew

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day

MAY HALF TERM - 30<sup>TH</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### June 2022

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Eco Balloon Race (PTA)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> - KS2 trip to London Zoo

### July 2022

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> - Crazy Hair Day (PTA)

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rainbow Run fun day (PTA)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> - 3:30-5:00 - Open Evening

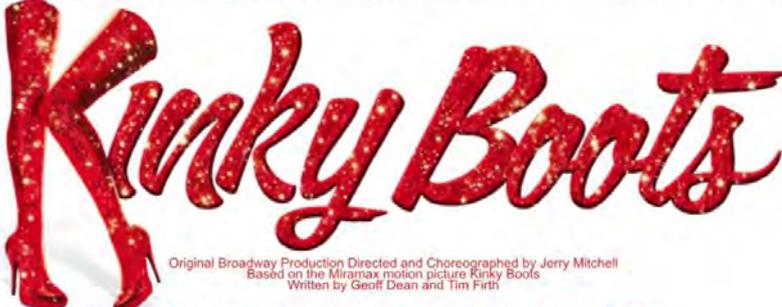
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am - **Leavers' Service**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am - **Leavers' Show**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Y6 Isle of Wight Residential

SUMMER HOLIDAYS - 25<sup>th</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> August

  
**Springers**  
WWW.SPRINGERS.CO.UK

  
Original Broadway Production Directed and Choreographed by Jerry Mitchell  
Based on the Miramax motion picture Kinky Boots  
Written by Geoff Dean and Tim Firth

Book by  
Harvey Fierstein  
Music and Lyrics by  
Cyndi Lauper

**The Civic Theatre Chelmsford, 15-18 June 2022**

**BOX OFFICE - 01245 606505**

**WWW.CHELMSFORD.GOV.UK.THEATRES**

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe).

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe [www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

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Be inspired by amateur theatre

 **Chelmsford**  
City Theatres

# What is your PTA up to?

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## Jubilee eco balloon race 2nd June

Amazing prizes,  
Race starts at 12pm



## Crazy hair day 1st July

Please bring in a  
bottle for the bottle  
tombola.



## Colour Run 2nd July / 3-6pm

Colour run obstacle course  
£5pp (spectators are free).

**Azure Woodfired Pizza providing hot food!** Alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks, cake stall, tombolas, games and of course the Colour Run obstacle course!

## Buy your tickets now!

Please email:  
[pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk)  
with how many tickets  
you would like - payment  
instructions will follow in  
response to your email.

**First come first served!**

## Sports Day!

If you can spare half an  
hour, please let us know,  
we are trying to fill  
afternoon slots on the  
refreshments stall.



Find out more and email us: [pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk)

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# The Queen's Platinum Jubilee balloon race

Follow the link and create an account, buy as many balloons as you wish and personalise them. Make sure that the charity you are supporting is GEPS!



- › The deadline to buy your balloons is 2nd June at 11.10am
- › The race starts at 12pm on 2nd June
- › Log in with your family and watch the progress of your balloons as they tackle all of the real time weather conditions!

[ecoracing.co/user/page/2245](https://ecoracing.co/user/page/2245)

## National prizes:

- › 1st £500, 2nd Amazon Alexa (Echo Dot 4th Gen), 3rd 10 x £10 book token.

## We will also be giving GEPS prizes:

- › 1st £50 Voucher, 2nd Pizza @ Colour Run & 2 free entries, 3rd x1 free entry to Colour Run.

Please share with your friends and family, the more that take part, the more money we can make for the school.





## Tallest Tower

For the first challenge we are focussing on Engineering. Your aim is to build the tallest free-standing tower out of everyday objects at home. So, your tower must be able to stand without support. Once you have managed to create your tower, measure it. Then, stand next to your tower, hold up the measurement on a piece of paper. Don't forget to share a picture.



# GEPS Colour Run FAQ

## What's a colour run?!

It's a fun run around an obstacle course, during which coloured powder is thrown at you, so that by the end you are gloriously colourful from head to toe! It is inspired by the Hindu festival of Holi, a joyful festival that celebrates spring, love and new life.

## When is it?

Saturday 2 July, 3-6pm. The run itself will take place from 3.30 to 4.30pm.

## Do I need to pre-book?

It isn't essential to pre-book, but we do recommend it as spaces are limited. Email [pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk) to book your place.

## Where is it?

GEPS school fields.

## Where should I park?

In the field behind Great Easton Village Hall.

## Who can take part?

All current GEPS pupils, plus older and younger siblings. (Younger siblings will need to be accompanied round the course by an adult/older child who is also prepared to get colourful!)

If there is powder left after all children have taken part, we will do a final run for the grown-ups.

## What should participants wear?

The powder will show up best on white, but any light coloured t-shirt/top will be fine. The powder is completely safe and will wash out of clothes - but results may vary depending on detergent, temperature, etc., so we recommend wearing stuff you don't mind getting a little colourful. That includes your footwear – a pair of old trainers will be best. Feel free to accessorise with bright colours, tutus, headbands, etc.

The powder is 100% non-toxic (see below), but as with any substance you will want to keep it out of your eyes, so you will need to wear eye protection. We recommend bringing swimming goggles, but we will have sunglasses available to borrow if preferred.

If your child has particularly light-coloured hair, or dyed hair, we recommend they wear a swimming hat to avoid any risk of the colour staining their hair.

## How do we get clean afterwards?

A good dusting-off should get your children clean enough for the journey home, but you may want to bring baby wipes for an extra wipe down, and depending on how clean you like to keep your car you may want to bring some towels to protect the upholstery.

When you get home, a bath or shower will wash off any remaining powder. It may take a few shampoos to get all the powder out of hair. Shake as much powder as possible from clothes before putting them in the washing machine on a cold cycle first, and then a regular wash cycle. Dependent on fabric, it may take a few washes to get things completely free of colour – we reiterate that you should not wear your favourite expensive items to this event! If you do get powder on car upholstery, etc, use a vacuum to remove as much powder as possible before spot-cleaning as needed.

GEPS and the PTA cannot be held responsible for any damage from powder getting on participants' vehicles, public transport or private property.

### **What else should we bring?**

We suggest you bring a warm change of clothes to put on afterwards. The children may be a little damp from the sprinklers/firefighters' hoses (see below).

### **Is it a race?**

No! Participants can run, walk, skip, dance, or even cartwheel their way around the course so long as they are mindful of other participants. If they finish the course and want to go round again they can do so, until the time limit for their wave elapses, or the powder runs out!

### **What happens on the day?**

Please come to the registration desk from 3pm. A parent/guardian will need to sign a waiver for each participant. You will then be given a wristband and told which "wave" you will be running in. Just before your run begins there will be a safety briefing, you will be issued with sunglasses if required, and Mr Bush will lead participants in a warm-up to get your muscles ready. At the start of the course there will be sprinklers which participants can run through to dampen their clothes to help the powder stick (this is optional).

### **Will it hurt? What is the powder made from?**

No! It's just powder made from cornstarch and food-grade dye. See our supplier's website for more information: [www.ministryofcolours.co.uk/pages/about-us](http://www.ministryofcolours.co.uk/pages/about-us). It is non-toxic, biodegradable and complies with food standard guidelines. We advise you don't eat it though as it doesn't taste very nice! If you have a skin allergy or respiratory condition such as asthma, we recommend you consult your doctor before taking part, and make sure to have appropriate medication close to hand.

### **What if my child gets powder in their eyes or mouth?**

As with any substance, the powder could cause discomfort if it gets in eyes, which is why we require eye protection to be worn. If, however, powder does get into eyes, rinse it out with water. Sinks will be available in the school lavatories. If you need assistance, please ask at the registration desk for a first-aider – they will be happy to help. If powder gets in a child's mouth, swill water and spit.

### **What if it's raining that day?**

We'll go ahead unless the weather's so bad that safety is a concern.

### **Can we take photos?**

Yes – but as always please do not post photos on social media that contain any children other than your own.

### **What other entertainment will there be on the day?**

There will be rounders and other games on the top field, and a tombola. We also hope to have a fire engine in attendance.

### **What about refreshments?**

Azure Woodfired Pizza will be selling pizzas. There will also be a cake stall and a bar selling alcohol, soft drinks, teas and coffees.

### **Do you take card payments?**

We are able to take card payments, but poor mobile reception on sites means it can be hit-and-miss so cash is easier!

### **What are we raising money for?**

All proceeds will go to Great Easton Primary School. As Covid has made fundraising difficult over the last few years, funds are low, so our immediate priority is to ensure we can continue to cover the cost of those items traditionally paid for by the PTA. These include subsidising school trips, replenishing outdoor equipment, the Reading Eggs subscription, and food for the chickens.

**Got a question we haven't covered? Please email or phone the school or post on the PTA Facebook page.**